



Small Group Discussion Guide

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"Disciples Through and Through"

Luke 11:37-52

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Introduction: Jesus rebuked the Pharisees and lawyers, pointing out the ways they were missing the point in what it means to live a life devoted to God. We should also look at our inner lives to see where it doesn't match up with our outward actions and attitudes.

Discussion:

1. Read Luke 11:37-41. What is the surprising thing that Jesus does to open the scene in verse 38? Why was the Pharisee shocked? Why did the Pharisee think Jesus was unclean?
2. In vv. 39-41, how does the Lord turn the tables on his host? What is his basic point about the Pharisees? Can you think of anyone (or yourself) that looked good on the outside but was struggling on the inside? How does having an honest, authentic relationship with another believer help us avoid this Pharisee-type behavior?
3. Read verses 42-44. How did the Pharisees fulfill Lev. 27:30, but neglect the main point (42)? Have you ever "checked the boxes" in your relationship with God in order to excuse yourself from the real issues? How?
4. In your opinion, how does desiring the "best seats" and the "greetings in the marketplace" (v. 43) affect someone? Where do you live for the recognition of others?
5. What is Jesus really saying in v. 44 (to see how Jews viewed tombs, read Num. 19:16)? Have you ever considered the impact of your devotion to God on someone around you? Have you known anyone that's been negatively affected by the hypocrisy of Christians?
6. Think of one step you can take today to live authentically and honestly in the way of Micah 6:8. When you fail, what should you do?